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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached replacement sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 11 and 15.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the present application. Claims 19-21 and 26-29 are rejected.
Claims 1, 12, 19, and 26 are herein amended.

Applicant's Response to Objections to the Drawings

The Office Action objected to the drawings because in Figure 15, reference numeral 38 should be changed to "33." Applicant also notes that in Figure 11, reference numeral 148 should be changed to "150." Applicant submits Replacement Sheets herewith which include these corrections.

Applicant's Response to Objections to the Specification

The Office Action objects to the specification because the title is not descriptive. The Office Action requires a new title that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Applicant herein amends the title as follows:

Duplex image forming device[[,]] having a reversible transportation unit inserted into an
device and image forming device

The Office Action also makes extensive objections to the specification, suggesting minor grammatical changes. In response, Applicant has amended the specification and abstract where appropriate in order to correct these grammatical issues. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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Applicant's Response to Claim Objections

The Office Action objects to claims 1 and 12 because the term “main body frame” lacks antecedent basis in these claims. In order to overcome this objection, Applicant herein amends claims 1 and 12 to recite “the main body” instead of “the main body frame.” Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant's Response to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 19-21 and 26-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention.

The Office Action rejects claim 19 because the term “the storage opening” has not been defined previously in the claim. The Office Action further states that it is unclear whether the “storage opening” and “storage unit” are the same elements.

In response, Applicant notes that storage opening 38 is distinct from storage unit 140. Therefore, Applicant herein amends claim 19 to recite “a storage opening,” thereby providing correct antecedent basis for this element. Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment is sufficient to overcome the rejection.

The Office Action rejects claim 26 because “the contacting surface of the motor” lacks proper antecedent basis and is indefinite because the motor has not be defined in the claim previously. In response, Applicant herein amends claim 26 to recite “the contacting surface on a

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motor.” Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment is sufficient to provide correct antecedent basis for this element.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action notes that claims 1-18 and 22-25 are allowable. The Office Action states that claims 19-21 and 26-29 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections based on 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as noted above. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments are sufficient to place all claims of the application in condition for allowance.


For at least the foregoing reasons, the claimed invention distinguishes over the cited art and defines patentable subject matter. Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner deem that any further action by applicants would be desirable to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicant's undersigned agent.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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Enclosures: Replacement Sheets for Figures 11 and 15